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Secretary, FCC

Regarding Docket number 87-268,
For shame - we ordinary, good
American citizens are at the bottom
of the totem pole again!
we have appreciated and supported
our local broadcasters for 40 years
Now, for the boys at the top who
want to get richer, you would
take these away from us - Cable
charges too much - don't need
all those channels and everyone
doesn't have a cellular phone!
Please consider we who use
and value the L-V coverage.
we have with our non-profit
local L-V association -

Thank you

H Pauline Gravelle
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We are protesting the ~~new~~ proposed rules of the F.C.C.

We live in a rural area and can not afford cable or satellite. We want news that is local to our area not some other section of the U.S.

My husband is an invalid and needs to have TV in order to keep tuned to events as well as entertainment.

So called progress is getting us back to not having much of anything. Greed for the dollar is ruining things everywhere.
Jerome Gutzwiler Sincerely Lucille Gutzwiler

Dear Sir,

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O. W. Snatchee, Wa.

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Please don't destroy our network
of broadcasting in N. C. W.

We need local news for reports
of local emergencies.

Thank you

(Docket Number) 87-268 } Mr. & Mrs. Herb Logsdon
Tom & Deb Logz

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Dear Sirs

We live out where we can't get cable TV and can't afford a dish and we really need the local news reports we could do without the movies but these stations that have lots of news like KHQ Spokane - We really need please don't take them off the air We need them!

People driving around talking on cellular phones are a driving hazard. Money talks and if the government makes money we wind up with nothing for the public TV viewers. NCW Washington needs this? I hope not. Leave us our public TV.

Thanks Ruby L. Hurst

Steve Dingleton

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PAUL H. & RUBY L. HURST
RAPID RIVER RANCH
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Please, just because the government can make a big profit on this, don't sell rural America out, we need our local translators.

Thank you for your time.

Mary Feil

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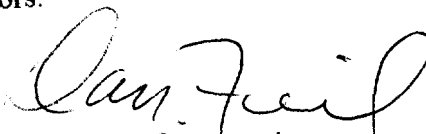
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RE: Docket Number 87-268

Dear Secretary,

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According to an article in our local paper, The Wenatchee World, new airwave rules are being proposed by the F.C.C. This proposal would allow airwaves to be auctioned off to private individuals for profit, leaving us, the public, without any airwaves.

As we live in a rural area no cable is offered. Without these airwaves our access to local news, emergency broadcasts, etc. would be eliminated.

Please do NOT allow this to happen.

Thank you, from a concerned citizen.

Barbara Powell

Barbara Powell
2949 Tilly Lane
Wenatchee, Wa 98801

cc: Senator Patty Murray

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Terry & Sherry Warren
3664 #1 Canyon Rd.
Wenatchee, WA
98801

Re: Docket # 87-268

You know there are people out here in this great land that are not able or do not want Cable T.V. Or are unable to afford a "dish". We rely on the local news stations to keep us informed as to storm watches or school closures or just to hear the news & see the news people, around our state.

Please keep your hands off our t.v. channels as we enjoy & pay for this privilege. We support our local T.V. association.

This system has been in place for quite some time. Leave it alone!!

All the cell phone users can just make their calls from home or a phone booth. Traffic accidents are caused

by some of these people
who insist on talking on
the phone while driving.

Please please please do not
sell off our translator channels.
Think of something other than
the almighty dollar for
a change. Call in some of the
loans this country has made
if you are in such a financial
bind....

Remember those of us in
rural areas need this availability
of T.V. channels for local &
state wide news & programming.

Give us a break —

Terry & Sherry Warren

Some area TV viewers may be tuned out

By MICHELLE PARTRIDGE
World staff writer

WENATCHEE — Thousands of North Central Washington residents who do not subscribe to cable television and don't have satellite dishes may be left with barely any channels to watch if new rules proposed by the Federal Communications Commission are approved.

That's the message TV translator associations are spreading as the deadline for commenting on the new plan approaches. The plan would give rural areas around Wenatchee just one television station, rather than the

11 channels they now get, predicted Lonnie Hubbard, general manager of the nonprofit Apple Valley TV Association in Wenatchee.

"Fifty-two percent of the general population cannot get cable because they live in rural areas," he said. "If these rules go into effect, we won't be able to get any Seattle or Spokane stations, and no major networks."

Hubbard said 100,000 people in Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties get their television signals from translators. He has spent the last two weeks trying to educate people on the proposed changes and motivate them to write their federal legislators. Although the federal recommendations were made public in August, Hub-

bard said he only learned of them this month. The deadline for commenting on the plan is Friday.

Hubbard spoke earlier this month to 30,000 people at the National Association of Broadcasters international convention in Los Angeles about the plan.

He explained that the Federal Communications Commission is proposing to give channels 60 to 69 of the UHF spectrum to cellular phone companies. Those channels are now used by translator television stations.

"The government stands to make a huge profit by auctioning these fre-

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quencies," he said. "Our public airwaves are being auctioned to private individuals for profit, putting us out of business and leaving the public with no airwaves."

Hubbard said a provision in the plan would allow translators to relocate on the spectrum. But he added that the spectrum is nearly full, and there is nowhere else for translators to go that wouldn't cause interference.

Translators were also relocated in the 1970s, when the FCC bumped them off channels 70 through 83. They had to buy new equipment to locate to the lower channels, Hubbard said.

He added that the cost of switching channels is also very expensive for nonprofit television associations.

"This time around, however, there would not be enough additional channels available for all rural translators to go lower, even if they had the money," he wrote in a form letter that he is asking people to send to their legislators.

Vern Corkins, who operates C&C Communications out of Ephrata, said the proposed rules would destroy a network of broadcasting in NCW. His company provides service in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Western Montana. He said the rules would affect the rebroadcasting of KREM, KXLY, KHQ, KSPS and KAYU.

For example, he said in a letter to the FCC, there is no proposal to relocate several channels that are now rive another cut in frequencies.

"Rural America needs local news reports for emergency broadcasts, controlling the weather, etc.," he added.

here's the real reason

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RE: Advanced Television Systems
and their impact upon the
Existing Television Broadcast Service

MM Docket no. 87-268
Sixth Further Notice 96-317

Dear Chairman Hundt:

William Bowman Associates, Inc wishes to express its strong support for Federal Communications Commission action to reallocate the current UHF broadcast television channels 60-69, and make a portion of that spectrum available for public safety and commercial use. The first step in the process is reallocation of UHF channels 60-69 as proposed by your staff in the above referenced digital television proceeding.

There is currently an urgent need in many parts of the country for additional public-safety and commercial radio channels. The Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC), cosponsored by the FCC and NTIA, recently released its "Final Report" which found that public safety agencies alone need at least 2.5 MHz of additional spectrum right now for interoperability, at least 25 MHz within five years and an additional 70 MHz within the next fifteen years.

William Bowman Associates, Inc agrees with the PSWAC findings. In our area of the country there are no additional radio channels available for the expansion of existing systems nor for the implementation of new ones. The business community's needs to provide services to its customers and staff are stifled by this lack of spectrum. Only immediate FCC action in making available new spectrum can help alleviate the problems faced by William Bowman Associates, Inc and many other business operations dependent upon two-way and other radio communications modes.

While we support the allocation of additional 800 MHz spectrum for public-safety and business use, we also alert the Commission to problems with the current DTV channel planning as it affects land mobile users of the 500 MHz shared TV channels 19 and 20 in the New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania area.

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William Bowman Associates, Inc is currently licensed to operate radio communications systems on frequencies derived from the sharing of the TV channels under 47 CFR, Part 90, Subpart L, Authorization In The Band 470-512 MHz (UHF-TV Sharing) of the FCC rules. Our company operates one radio channel in this band to meet its needs.

Approximately forty-five persons in a sixty-five square mile area of New Jersey are served by this system. This system is essential to their needs and to the operation of this company.

It would cost \$35,000.00 to replace this system. The Commission's proposal to allow TV broadcast stations to operate on adjacent TV channels 18 and 21 frequencies in Secaucus and Vineland, New Jersey would create harmful interference to our communications system, thus jeopardizing our ability to deliver the type and quality of services demanded of us.

We call to the attention of the Commission that the docket identifies separation of the proposed TV station from the center of the urbanized area, in this instance Philadelphia, PA, as less than the technically appropriate 110 miles between the broadcast operation site and the nearest adjacent channel land mobile site. In fact channel 18 in Seacucus, New Jersey will be less than 80 miles from center city Philadelphia. Channel 21 in Vineland would be located only a little over 32 miles from center city. However, we respectfully remind you that the allocation for use of the communications channels derived from TV stations extends outward in a 50 mile radius of the center of the urbanized area. Further, the Commission has granted waivers of this "50 mile rule" in support of various operations, further expanding the radius to as much as 60 miles. Thus the distance from the currently licensed operations and the proposed adjacent DTV channel is not the desired 110 miles, but considerably less as evidenced below.

Our radio system, which operates on channels in the TV Channel 19 spectrum, will be impacted by interference from the proposed implementation of TV Channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey. The geographical coordinates for the proposed DTV transmitter is 39-33-07N, 74-50-29W. Our currently licensed transmitter site is

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located at geographical coordinates 39-38-55N, 75-03-46W. This is a separation of only eleven miles to the proposed DTV transmitter site! It is our position that such close spacing of interfering transmitters will jeopardize the operation of our system and the delivery of our essential services.

We also urge the Commission not to eliminate use of Channel 20 for land mobile service in the Philadelphia region. Many business and public-safety agencies have implemented operations on these channels at a great expenditure of company or public funds.

We respectfully ask you to consider the impact of this proceeding on the business and public-safety entities operating on TV channels 19 and 20. With no other channel availability, where in the radio spectrum would they move? Who would pay for this? Is it fair and appropriate to expect the local tax base to absorb such a mandate? Is this complaint with Congressional mandates?

William Bowman Associates, Inc urges the Commission to act expeditiously and favorably in this matter.

Sincerely,



William A. Shea
Equipment Manager
William Bowman Assoc, Inc.

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Federal Communications Commission

Re: Docket Number 87-268

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Dear Commission Members,

I am strongly opposed to your proposal to give to cellular phone companies the option to buy channels 60 to 69 of the UHF spectrum.

Those channels are absolutely necessary to non-profit translator television stations that serve this area I live in, and in others as well.

Please do not use your power to destroy television viewing in rural areas such as the Wenatchee Valley area in Washington State.

Sincerely,

Paul Sandford
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Dear Sir:

It has recently come to my attention that the FCC is proposing to give channels 60 to 69 of the UHF spectrum to cellular phone companies, thereby pushing out the local translators who currently use these channels to provide basic television stations to the public. If these translators are forced off these channels, thousands of viewers will have no access to television.

The provision that allows the translators to find other channels would be unaffordable to them so this is not an option. I know my family would be only one of many who would be deprived of news and other information currently seen on the four channels that I do receive. The high poverty rate in this county alone is a good indicator of the high negative impact this action would have on the populace. Few can afford a satellite dish let alone the monthly programming charge that is required to receive any stations. Cable is out of the question also because most of north central Washington is rural and has no cable access even if the homeowner could afford to pay it.

The full effect of how this will impact us cannot even be imagined, but a few problems that immediately come to mind would be our inability to learn of storm warnings, putting many travelers in danger; missing political debates and speeches, which would prevent us from making informed votes; not hearing of important upcoming events; and so on. These are only a few of the problems that would be faced by people living within a very large area of Washington State.

I respectfully request that before this proposal is approved, a non-biased study be completed that takes into effect the harm that would be done to many people and many communities throughout the nation. I also urge that you look closer into allowing only those channels that are not currently used by television or radio to be auctioned off to the "for-profit" industry of cellular telephone.

I urge that you find an alternative this proposal. After all, we have no urgent need for cellular phones; we have access to telephones in our homes or at most any commercial business. We do, however, need channels 60 to 69 for our local translators because once they go off the air, we will have no television available to us.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns and request. I speak for the thousands of people who would be negatively effected by the passage of this proposal. Unfortunately, few others know about it.

Sincerely,



Beth Zembal
196 Barkley Rd.
Manson, WA 98831

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